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"As the generation, so the leader; as the leader, so the generation."

—Talmud Yerushalmi, Sanhedrin

Park Avenue Synagogue Gala 2009

Celebrating Leadership and Our Community
Honoring Past Chairman Amy A.B. Bressman

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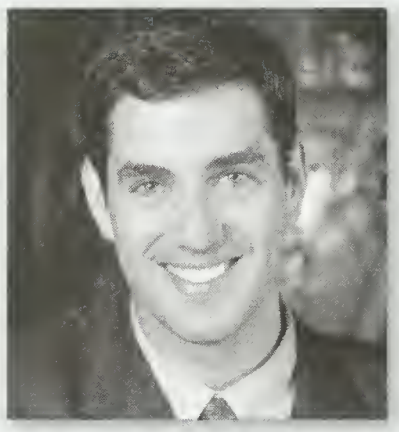
From Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove

"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither. Let my tongue stick to my palate if I cease to think of you, if I do not keep Jerusalem above my highest joy." —*(Psalm 137:5-6)*



The sentiment embedded in the above verse is present at the conclusion of every Jewish wedding as the glass is broken. At the moment of greatest joy for a bride and groom, we pause to consider the fragile condition of Jerusalem. While we should always savor the blessings and achievements in our midst, ours is a tradition that insists that to do so, we expand our circle of concern to include the entire community of Israel.

As I write this article, the words of the Psalmist bear a particular resonance. There is so much for which to be grateful here: an upcoming gala dinner honoring Amy Bressman, plentiful learning opportunities, Shabbat services, Purim and beyond. We are moving ahead full steam with our congregational agenda, anticipating exciting and thoughtful spring programming that will serve to strengthen the bonds of the Park Avenue family.

And yet no matter how great my enthusiasm, as I watch the events in the Middle East unfold, I find myself filled with concern for our extended family in Israel. Once again Israel has responded to those who do not recognize her right to exist. Once again the world has condemned Israel's actions, oblivious to where the roots of the aggression really lie.

So too, the month of February will bring with it an election in Israel. As if Israel's condition isn't precarious enough, it must also elect new leadership to weather the present storm. I myself am anxious to get to Israel during election week for the Rabbinical Assembly conference taking place in Jerusalem. Just as one seeks to be present when a loved one faces a momentous turning point, I am looking forward to being in Israel as she charts out her future.

I would like to think that each of us, in our own way, is actively giving expression to the above verse from Psalms. Whether it is in the form of visits to Israel, political advocacy, philanthropy or otherwise, we should all be putting Israel at the forefront of our thoughts. We should be learning Hebrew, studying the issues, speaking out and doing whatever we can to recall Jerusalem at every hour. The joys and sorrows of our lives must co-exist with ongoing concern for Israel. Most importantly, I hope that our community creates opportunities not only by which may we have Israel in our thoughts but also in our manifold deeds.

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Friday February 6 12 Sh'vat
Candle lighting: 5:01 pm
5:00 pm Tot Kabbalat Shabbat
6:00 pm *Hay Vav* CS Shabbat
6:15 Friday Evening Service
Children's Birthday Service

Saturday February 7 13 Sh'vat
Parashat Beshalach
8:45 am *Parashat HaShavua Class*
9:00 am *Havurah Service*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Andrew Ruvkin, son of Julie and Frederick Ruvkin
10:15 am Pre-K Shabbat Service
10:15 am *Nitzanim Service*
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
5:15 pm *Mincha*

Monday February 9 15 Sh'vat
Tu B'Shevat
7:00 pm Tu B'Shevat Seder | $ ✆

Friday February 13 19 Sh'vat
Candle lighting: 5:09 pm
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

Saturday February 14 20 Sh'vat
Parashat Yitro
8:45 am *Parashat HaShavua Class*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
5:30 pm *Mincha*

Monday February 16 22 Sh'vat
Presidents' Day
Offices Closed
No Hebrew School

Friday February 20 26 Sh'vat
Candle lighting: 5:18 pm
6:15 pm Friday Night Special: Shabbat Musical Service

Saturday February 21 27 Sh'vat
Parashat Mishpatim
Shabbat Sh'kalim
8:45 am *Parashat HaShavua Class*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
9:30 am *Havurah Service*
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
5:30 pm *Mincha*

Tuesday February 24 30 Sh'vat
Rosh Chodesh Adar

Friday February 27 3 Adar
Candle lighting: 5:26 pm
6:15 pm Friday Night Special: Musical Shabbat Service

Saturday February 28 4 Adar
Parashat Terumah
8:45 am *Parashat HaShavua Class*
9:15 am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah of Alex Grun, son of Patricia Friedmann and Andrei Grun
10:15 am Jr. Congregation
11:15 am Tot Shabbat
5:45 pm *Mincha*

EXCEPT AS NOTED

Daily Minyanim *Monday-Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.*
Ma'ariv *Sunday-Thursday at 5:45 pm.*
Hashkama *Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 am.*

Information is subject to change. Confirm at ***www.pasyn.org*** *or with the office.*

Tu B'Shevat

Reclaiming Eden: A Tu B'Shevat Seder with an Ecological Twist

Monday, February 9 | 7:00 pm | $ ✆
Led by our Clergy

Through film, text study, and song we will celebrate and also learn about our stake in Israel's ecology—its advances and challenges and how it affects us and the world in which we live. What better way to mark this holiday, which celebrates the link between God, nature, the land and the people of Israel? A light Israeli-style dinner will be served. Reservations required. $18/person.

$ ✆ To register *contact Sarah Gribetz at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext. 142.*

Co-sponsored by the Israel Committee and Women's Evening Group.

Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove and Rabbi Michael J. Graetz will preach and conduct the services together with Cantor David Lefkowitz and Cantor Nancy Abramson and the Synagogue Choir, with Neil Robinson at the organ.

Celebrating a *Simcha*?

A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast Kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

For more information, *contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600 or lschneider@pasyn.org.*

Amy's commitment and dedication continues to be both peerless and inspiring. Her life has been a blessing to so many.

As I hope every P.A.S. member knows, our synagogue community will honor Amy A.B. Bressman on February 28, 2009 at the Park Avenue Synagogue Annual Gala. We honor Amy for her inspiring work and community involvement at P.A.S. for almost two decades, culminating in being Board Chair for the past five years.

John Quincy Adams wrote, "If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader." Whatever historians think of the Adams presidency, he left us with a remarkable commentary that describes Amy's leadership skills so well.

Through her tireless devotion to the synagogue virtually all areas of our community thrived. More volunteers of all ages found parts of synagogue life with which to become engaged, spurring new ideas and a self-reinforcing sense of community.

Attendance at our schools set new records. She inspired the creation of annual themes to create an umbrella of learning and programs. She allowed others to create the programs, such as the Shabbatons with world renowned speakers and musicians that sparked a renewed sense of belonging to P.A.S.

Of all of the decisions she made as Chair, I recall two particular decisions which were especially courageous. The first was to plan a community trip to Israel. Today that decision may not appear to be so important or controversial. But let's remember when that decision was made—in 2002, when Israel was engaged in the intifada and synagogues around the United States were canceling trips, and Israel was reeling from the murderous attacks and its tourist economy had been decimated. But Amy was determined to safely and thoughtfully get P.A.S. to demonstrate how important Israel is to our community and create a trip of a lifetime for PAS members. As it is said, "the rest is history." The trip was an unbridled success and so popular that an even larger trip occurred again a few years later.

The second decision—the Torah project—in one master stroke, allowed each P.A.S. member to fulfill the 613th commandment to inscribe a *sefer Torah,* bring generations of family members together in a community project, and set P.A.S. on strong financial footings. The idea inspired so many volunteers to help plan the program, assist in schedules, make development calls, and plan an incredibly memorable celebration of its completion. The effort drew participation from the entire spectrum of our members, and will not be forgotten by anyone who inscribed a family letter in the Torah we read each Shabbat. What a gift!

Amy and her family are New York football fans, but I hope she doesn't mind if I quote Vince Lombardi, the famous coach, whose name is on the trophy raised each year by the Super Bowl winner. "The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

Amy's commitment and dedication to Park Avenue Synagogue have been for so many years and continue to be, both peerless and inspiring to so many, including me. Her life has been a blessing to so many. So please join us on February 28th and celebrate our community and Amy's tireless and dedicated work in helping us get to this day.

Park Avenue Synagogue Gala 2009

Saturday, February 28/4 Adar | **7:30 pm, Cocktails** | **8:30 pm, Dinner Dance** | **at P.A.S.** | **$ ✆**

The Gala has come home. Spend an evening with friends as we support and celebrate our community and pay tribute to our past Chairman, Amy A.B. Bressman. Make your reservations to attend. Place an ad in the Commemorative Journal.

$ ✆ For information *regarding reservations and placing an ad in the Commemorative Journal, contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600 ext. 105 or lschneider@pasyn.org.*

Event chairs: Marcia Eppler Colvin, Lynn Halbfinger, and Nancy Hirschtritt.

Men's Club

World Wide Wrap

Sunday, February 1 | 9:00 am | during the morning minyan

All Bar and Bat Mitzvah students and their families are invited to participate as we offer instruction on how to lay *t'fillin*. We will provide brunch. Everyone is welcome and the event is free.

Super Bowl Bash

Sunday, February 1 | 5:30 pm | $

The Super Bowl Bash, hosted by the Men's Club, Singles, and Young Couples Groups, will take place in the synagogue Lower Level. We will have big screen TVs, events for children, lots of food and drinks, all in a festive atmosphere. Admission is $25 for adults and $12 for children under 13.

Sisterhood

Book Discussion Group | Monday, February 9 | 11:00 am | Rothschild Library

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "A Journey to the End of the Millennium," by A.B. Yehoshua. This extraordinary novel follows the travels of a Jewish merchant, his two wives, and his Moslem business partner through Europe in the year 999. Yehoshua is one of Israel's most gifted writers. Come, have coffee and cake with us, and exchange ideas about this fascinating book.

For a complete reading list *and a schedule of meetings, please call Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308. All are welcome to this group.*

Film about the Moscow Yiddish Theater

Tuesday, February 17 | 1:00 pm | No charge

This film tells the story of the Moscow State Theater, which operated from 1920 to 1949, when Stalin's government closed it. Yiddish culture flourished in the Soviet Union in the period immediately following the 1917 revolution. A blend of traditional themes and modern techniques produced a rich new approach to literature, art, and theater. The Moscow State Theater and its talented actors, directors, writers, and designers (including Marc Chagall) were an important part of this cultural flowering. This film has English narration and subtitles. All are welcome. Coffee and cake will be served.

Film about the Recovery of Art Stolen from a Jewish Family in World War II

Tuesday February 24 | 1:00 pm | No charge

Join Sisterhood for a screening and discussion of "Making a Killing: An International Art Thriller." When the Germans invaded Holland in 1940, the Gutmanns, a wealthy Jewish banking family, owned a beautiful estate and a valuable collection of paintings and silver. The Nazis killed Mr. and Mrs. Gutmann and seized their possessions. This film focuses on the efforts of the Gutmanns' children and grandchildren to locate the missing artwork and take legal steps to recover it. All are welcome to see this fascinating film. A light lunch will be provided.

WEG

Reclaiming Eden: A Tu B'Shevat Seder with an Ecological Twist | Monday, February 9 | 7:00 pm | $ ✆

Although it is still winter here in New York, we can welcome, with joy, the coming of Spring in Israel and all that Spring means to the human spirit. *See page 3 for details.* *WEG is co-sponsor of this event with the Israel Committee.*

The Challenge of Iran | Thursday, February 26 | 7:30 pm, light refreshments | 8:00 pm, program

Our speaker will be David Twersky, Senior Advisor for Policy, International Affairs and Communications for the American Jewish Congress. David Twersky is considered "...one of the leading and most fair-minded Jewish journalists around...." He has written widely on Israel and American Jewry in leading newspapers and magazines and has served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. Jack Kemp, the former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, noted that his reporting "provided an immeasurable contribution to the ongoing debate over United States policy toward Israel and the importance of the Jewish community to the American political process."

Young Couples Group

Top Chef Competition | February 25 | 7:30 pm | $ ✆

Compete for your shot at (minor) culinary stardom. Join us for a fun-filled evening in the synagogue Lower Level as we compete in teams for best dish. We supply the recipe, the ingredients and the utensils along with pizza, wine and beer. No skills necessary. Cost: $20 per person.

$ ✆ To reserve, *contact Molly Goldberg at molly@barkankasen.com or Jennifer Bernstein at jennifer.n.bernstein@gmail.com.*

Shalom

Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:

Louise and Marvin Kagan
Stacey and David Kanbar
Reba Miller
Stacy and Lawrence Ostow
Dorie and Michael Rosenband
Deborah and Gadi Slade
Sherrie and Edmund Soleymani

Andrew Ruvkun

February 7

Andrew is currently a Seventh Grade student at the Browning School. He has been attending Park Avenue Synagogue since Kindergarten. Andrew's passions include swimming, baseball, tennis, and exploring New York City. Andrew has been a member of the AGUA swim team for six years. He is involved with the Environmental Club at his school, as well as the school newspaper, the chorus and the literary magazine, and also studies clarinet.

His Bar Mitzvah project involves raising money for the Jewish National Fund's "Go Neutral" campaign. This includes projects such as sustainable watershed development, afforestation, combating desertification and agricultural research and development. This is especially meaningful for Andrew as this is the Shabbat before Tu B'Shevat—the Birthday of the Trees. Andrew's Haftarah and Torah portions for *Parashat Beshalach* commemorate the Jewish victories of Devorah and Barak against their enemies, and Moses' crossing of the Red Sea. Both victories result in celebratory song- Shabbat Shirah.

Andrew would like to thank the clergy and Ronit for all of their support and teaching.

Alex Grun

February 28

Alex will be celebrating his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Terumah. Last year Alex joined the Congregational School. He became an enthusiastic and participatory member of his class and made many good friends.

Alex, a Seventh Grader at East Side Middle School, began his Jewish studies at The Heschel School where he still has many good friends. He is an enthusiastic student and a passionate athlete. He likes to play baseball, basketball, soccer and football. An avid reader, he enjoys both fiction and non-fiction and is interested in the world around him. He has volunteered for Dorot, helped the elderly and read to pre-schoolers.

Alex loves getting together with family and friends, here in New York and in Uruguay. He is a very kind child, has a great sense of humor and a very good heart.

Alex would like to thank his parents and younger brother Avi as well as Rabbis Cosgrove and Graetz, Cantors Lefkowitz and Abramson, Ron Koas and Ronit Aranoff for their support, time and encouragement in helping him prepare for this special day.

Condolences

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Sybil Lincoln, beloved mother of P.A.S. Rabbi Emeritus David Lincoln on January 8th (12 Tevet). We extend to the Lincoln family our heartfelt sympathy. May her memory remain for a blessing.

Park Avenue Synagogue additionally extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:

Elaine Sollar Eisen and Edwin Eisen, *on the loss of their son, Marc Eisen;*
Carolyn Katz and Nancy Bronstein, *on the loss of their brother and uncle, Irwin Mandel;*
Sonia Grinberg, Efraim Grinberg and Alexander Grinberg, *on the loss of their husband and father, Gedalio Grinberg;*
Felice Muchnick, *on the loss of her mother, Lillian Greenberg;*
Family and friends of the late Irene Stiebel;
Scott Zemser, *on the loss of his father, Herman Zemser.*

Note: *if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600 or lschneider@pasyn.org.*

Zimriyah Joy

Ron Koas, Education Director

Everyone loves to sing. The *Zimriyah* is one of the most beautiful events of our Congregational School year. It is a festival of Israeli and Jewish music and this year's *Zimriyah* was a great success. Approximately 400 people attended in the synagogue's Lower Level and the energy in the room was great. Cantor Lefkowitz led our service with his magnificent voice, and the boys and girls felt very comfortable singing along with him. The students knew all the prayers, and exhibited a great deal of confidence. I must admit that this came as no surprise to me, as they participate beautifully in *t'filot* every Shabbat morning in Junior Congregation. You plant a seed and you have a flower…

Brian and Jay, our talented music teachers, did a tremendous job and put a lot of effort into preparing the youngsters for the *Zimriyah*. *Kol Hakavod* to them! Parents are partners in our school, and our main partner in making this event such a success was Lisa Rizzi. She helped with everything we needed, from arranging chairs and distributing siddurim to being with the children during rehearsals. *Todah rabah,* Lisa.

A huge "thank you" also goes out to our teachers, who always work hard to ensure that PAS students can participate fluently in Shabbat services. I can't wait to see all of you at next year's *Zimriyah*!

School Schedule *see page 15 for complete calendar*

Monday, February 2 | **Toddler Classes Begin**

Monday, February 9 | 5:30–7:00 pm | **Zayin B'nei Mitzvah program**

Monday, February 16 | **No JAMS Classes**

February 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 | **No ECC Classes**

February 16, 17 | **No Hebrew School**

Wednesday, February 18 | **No High School**

February Birthday Celebration

Friday, February 6 | 6:15 pm

Bring Shabbat into your children's lives by celebrating their birthdays at Park Avenue Synagogue. All children with birthdays in February will be called up to the bimah and honored at our Birthday Celebration Service. Come as a family and celebrate. Call Rabbi Michael Graetz' office for more information.

Parenting Through a Jewish Lens

Sarah Gribetz and Dina Mann, instructors

February 25, March 4, 11 | 10:30–11:30 am

Explore the joys, delights and challenges of raising a child in the 21st century. Modern and traditional Jewish texts will provide parents of children of varying ages a context to raise strongly identified Jewish families.

February Tot Services

For pre-school aged children, their parents, grandparents and friends.

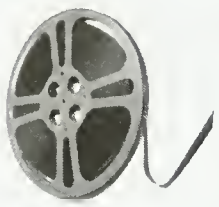
Friday, February 6 | 5:00 pm | **Tot Kabbalat Shabbat**

Join us for Friday evening services for toddlers and children of pre-school age, parents, grandparents and friends.

Saturday, February 7 | 10:15–11:30 am | **Pre-K Shabbat** | for Children ages 4 and 5

Saturday, February 28 | 11:15 am–12:00 pm | **Tot Shabbat** | *Endowed in loving memory of Lea Oberdorfer*

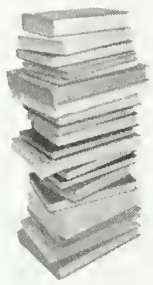
P.A.S. offers toddlers and preschoolers the wonderful opportunity to celebrate together with their parents, grandparents and friends on Shabbat.



Israeli Film Series

"Aviva My Love" *(Aviva Ahuvati)* *(2006)* | **Wednesday February 4 | 7:00 pm | No charge**

A hotel cook who longs to eschew the demands of her job and highly eccentric family furtively dreams of becoming a successful writer in writer/director Shemi Zarhin's award-winning family drama.



Evening Book Discussion Group | Monday, February 23 | 8:00 pm | "A Pigeon and a Boy" by Meir Shalev

Written by Meir Shalev, one of Israel's most celebrated novelists, this book won Israel's prestigious Brenner Prize. It offers a portrait of Israel during the period before statehood to the present day, as it tells of two love stories and of Israel's fight for independence.

Purim Spiel

Rehearsals: Sunday, February 1, 8, 22: 10:30 am–2:30 pm; Tuesday, February 24, Thursday, February 26: 7:00–9:00 pm

Riding on the success of last year's "The Megillah According to Broadway" we will once again put on a Purim Spiel. This year 's original musical drama will be performed on Monday night, March 9. We need actors, singers, script consultants, costume and stage crews, musicians, dancers, photographers and of course an involved audience. Those interested in performing must be available for rehearsals.

Interested in participating? *—In tasks other than audience? Please contact Cantor Abramson at 212-369-2600 ext. 125 or nabramson@pasyn.org. Everyone is welcome!*

P.A.S. Art Gallery | *Located on the 2nd floor Mezzanine*

"God's Vase," Photographs by Rabbi Michael Graetz

Through his evocative photography, Rabbi Graetz takes us on a journey to view God's creations as they bloom with the winter rains, turning the dry sands of the desert into a veritable vase of flowers. Images of the desert landscape and its flora, accompanied by Biblical text sources, offer a unique perspective on Israel and its extraordinary natural beauty.

A limited edition of prints are available for sale: 16" x 20" $100. 18" x 24" $125, with a signed certificate from the artist. All proceeds benefit P.A.S. Please contact Sarah Gribetz at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext. 142 for more information.

Invitation to travel to Poland and Israel with Cantor Abramson | $ ✆

I hope you will join me (and 100 of my cantorial colleagues) as part of a historical, emotional and inspirational mission connecting you to 1,000 years of Jewish history in Poland and to 4.000 years of history in our ancestral homeland. The dates are June 29–July 12, 2009, with seven days in Poland and seven days in Israel. Highlights in Poland include visits and concerts in Warsaw and Krakow, a moving memorial at Auschwitz, daily lectures with renowned scholar Dr. Stephen Berk and a Shabbat celebration with 100 cantors. In Israel you will participate in special concerts at Masada, the Hatzerim Air Force Base and HaYarkon Park in Tel Aviv, Shabbat in Jerusalem and much more. There will be tracks for first time visitors to Israel, and new experiences for those who have visited before. The trip will offer engagement for adults, families and of course music lovers. It can be done as a full two week experience, or you can attend either week separately. I look forward to sharing details of this amazing mission with you.

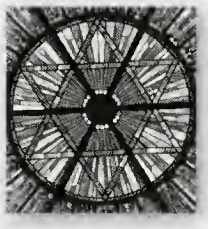
$ ✆ **Interested in learning more?** *Please contact me at 212-369-2600 ext. 125 or nabramson@pasyn.org.*

New

Parashat HaShavua

Saturdays | 8:45–9:15 am | Ari Saks, instructor | Rothschild Library

Join our Torah reader, Ari Saks, for an intimate discussion of the Torah portion. Come to one or come to all sessions.



Everything You Wanted to Know About the Shabbat Morning Service... But Were Afraid To Ask

Shabbat morning, February 7 | 10:15–11:15 am | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor | No charge | ✆

Every question will be taken seriously in this study session as we aim to demystify the Shabbat morning service . We will examine the structure of the service, the meaning of the prayers and what exactly is going on as we bow, move and pray. This class is intended for parents of students in the Congregational School (though all are welcome) as a special opportunity to spend time learning together with Rabbi Graetz and each other while their children are in Junior Congregation.

✆ **For details** *or to register, contact Sarah Gribetz at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext 142.*

Monday Night is Hebrew at P.A.S. | $✆

~~Trimester 1 (Fall) | October 27–December 15~~

Trimester 2 (Winter) | January 5–March 16 (no class February 16)

Trimester 3 (Spring) | March 23–May 11

Class	Instructor	Time
Siddur Hebrew I*	Dina Mann	6:30–7:30 pm
Siddur Hebrew II	Sarah Gribetz	6:30–7:30 pm
Modern Hebrew I**	Andi Meiseles	7:30–8:30 pm
Modern Hebrew II	Andi Meiseles	6:30–7:30 pm
Modern Hebrew III	Varda Hubara	7:30–8:30 pm

* Siddur Hebrew *is geared for students interested in developing their proficiency in our prayer services—whether the daily Minyan, Shabbat or holidays.*

** Modern Hebrew *is intended for those students interested in learning to ready, write and speak modern Hebrew.*

$ ✆ **Registration required:** *$50/member; $75/non-member per trimester. Contact Sarah Gribetz at sgribetz@pasyn.org or 212-369-2600 ext. 142.*

The Sacred Theater "What Are We Acting Out During the Prayer Service?"

Mondays | 7:30–8:30 pm | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor

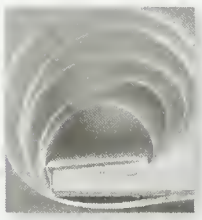
Prayer includes ritual expression, and ritual usually includes prayer. Ritual has been described as the "sacred theater" of prayer in which events of the past are relived, and the future is felt. In this course we will explore the rituals associated with the prayer services, with a view of seeing the prayer texts as scripts and each of us as players in Jewish "sacred theater." We will learn about when and why do we bow, step forward or backward, raise our glance or lower it. We will address all of these questions and more, and put them all in the context of the development of Jewish prayers and prayer services.

Ongoing Classes *no pre-registration necessary, come whenever you are able to*

New

Doing Jewish | Marga Hirsch, P.A.S. Librarian | Wednesdays | February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11 | 11:30–12:30

In this series of six sessions we will seek to demystify topics such as the Jewish calendar, the basics of trope (Cantillation skills), the difference between Midrash and Mishnah, and why Elijah gets to come to the Seder. Attend one session or all.



Essential Essays | Rabbi Elliat Casgrave, instructar | Tuesday marnings | 8:00–8:45 am

Join us to discuss essays on Jewish philosophy, theology and thought. Essays are available for pick-up in the flyer rack near the front desk.

Jewish Thought in Our Day | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructor | Tuesdays | 11:00 am

We will read and discuss short essays which focus on Jewish thought and theology in our days. They are written by contemporary writers about the philosophy and religious approaches of Jews in the 21st century.

Mishnah Musings | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructar | Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 | 8:00–8:45 am

Join us to discuss the most basic text of Jewish practice, the Mishnah. We will explore the philosophy of Jewish religious life as expressed in the second most important book in Jewish religion after the Bible. Study sheets are available in the flyer rack near the front desk.

Lunch 'n' Learn | Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 | 11:00 am–1:00 pm

Share a learning experience with fellow congregants and the Synagogue's professional leadership. Topics, presented by members of our Clergy and Education staff, are varied and lend themselves to stimulating discussion. Join us anytime, bring a friend and a kosher dairy lunch (coffee will be served.)

Tuesday Evenings of Learning | February 3, 10, 17, 24 | $ ✆

Women: Raise Your Hands

6:30–7:30 pm | Ari Saks, instructar

Have you ever wondered how our contemporary rabbis determine Jewish law for the modern age? Through the prism of one question—"Can a woman participate in the Priestly Blessing?"—we will learn about the *halachic* process, the evolution of Jewish law as codified in Responsa literature. Ari Saks, our Shabbat morning Torah reader and JTS rabbinical student, will guide us through the methods and reasonings of Conservative rabbis.

The Spirit of Heschel & Can the State of Israel Survive Judaism?

7:45–8:45 pm | Rabbi Michael Graetz, instructar

In the first two sessions we will look at Abraham Joshua Heschel, one of the most influential thinkers of the 20th century. His thought and legacy of action live in our own day—we will explore episodes in his life and major themes in his thought. We will then turn to Israel, and Rabbi Graetz will present analyses of the situation of Judaism, the Jewish people and the State of Israel in the present and ideas for the future.

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Weekend of Study | Leadership in the Bible | March 6–7

Friday Night Special Musical Service | Friday, March 6 | 6:15 pm

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Havurah Service | Saturday, March 7 | 9:30 am

Dr. Sommer will join the *Havurah* and challenge us to look at *Parashat T'tzaveh* with new insights. All welcome.

Lunch and Study | Saturday, March 7 | 1:00 pm | No charge | ✆

Stay after services for an extended Kiddush luncheon. Bring your coffee for an hour of study with Dr. Sommer.

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DR. BENJAMIN D. SOMMER, Professor of Bible and Ancient Semitic Languages, is known as the newest voice on Biblical scholarship at JTS. We are delighted to have him join us for Shabbat.

March Tuesday Evenings of Learning | Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 | $ ✆

Tradition and Change at 50 | 6:30 –7:45 pm | Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove, instructor

"Tradition and Change," a seminal work on the essence of Conservative Judaism, was edited by Mordecai Waxman and published in 1958. We will read essays from this text to learn about the evolution of Conservative Judaism into the 21st century.

Straight Out of the Talmud: Elisha ben Abuya | 8:00–9:30 pm | Rabbi Joseph Brodie, instructor

Elisha ben Abuya peered into the forbidden unknown. He became an apostate. What were the implications of his defections? Could he do *teshuva*? Our own Rabbi Milton Steinberg wrote "As a Driven Leaf" trying to understand this enigmatic rabbinic sage. We will look at original Talmudic texts to draw our own conclusions.

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Suggestions for online study from Rabbi Michael Graetz | $ ✆

Conservative Yeshiva Online Learning beginning the week of January 25, 2009. Students of all Hebrew levels and Jewish learning backgrounds are welcome. *Chevruta*—study with a partner—is strongly encouraged for all students including those with no prior experience in *chevruta* study—which may be done in person, by phone, and even via Skype. Two ten-week courses will be offered (running until Pesach); you should be willing to devote 1–2 hours per week to study.

Ten Biblical Stories You Thought You Knew...An Introduction to Rabbinic Midrash *with Rabbi Mordechai Silverstein*

Psalms of Pesukei DeZimra of Shabbat *with Rabbi Gail Diamond*

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Profile: Marga Hirsch, Director, Edmond de Rothschild Library

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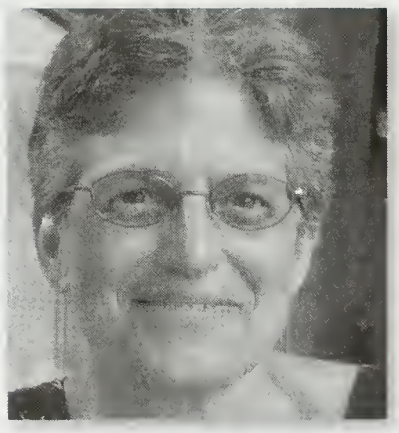

Marga Hirsch brings a special sensibility to the library at Park Avenue Synagogue, which she views as a "central node in the network that is the synagogue." Although she is always busy organizing, cataloging, helping readers of all ages and backgrounds, and obtaining materials for their needs, she will stop everything to help anyone who asks. She makes sure that the library supports the clergy, helping them with their research or having books available on subjects they are teaching; she cooperatively provides information for people taking classes in the adult education department or the schools and has copies of books selected for reading groups. Her goal is to be integrated and work more closely with the Congregational School as well, with the new curriculum program being developed; and with Arms and Committee programs.

The library is not just for study, however; it has an excellent collection of literature and current fiction; as well as CDs and DVDs of interesting films and music. Everyone is encouraged to stop by with a request or for a recommendation.

"This is the dream job for me," she said, and Beryl Chernov agreed, as he offered her the position after seeing her resume and talking for a short time. She came here from a notable career in Jewish education, programming, and libraries in the Philadelphia area, with an education that gave her the perfect foundation: an M.L.S. from Drexel University, an M.A. from the University of Wisconsin—Madison, and a B.A. from Harvard University. She studied at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem as a Fellow in the Melton Senior Educators Program. Her professional and educational history are an excellent example of re-shaping one's career through specialized education and taking risks to prepare for new, related fields that would allow her to follow her interests. Marga has four adult children. She still owns a home in Philadelphia, but stays with a relative on the West Side.

Edmond de Rothschild Library Hours

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Monday: 12:00 pm–9:00 pm | **Tuesday:** 10:30 pm–6:30 pm | **Wednesday:** 10:30 am–6:30 pm | **Thursday:** 12:00 pm–6:30 pm

Feel free to visit the library anytime. Our librarian, Marga Hirsch, is often here outside of regular Library hours. The room is always open, and there are instructions on the desk for how to check out a book when Marga is not there. If you would like a book recommendation or if you have any other question for Marga, visit her in the library, e-mail her at mhirsch@pasyn.org, or call her at 212-369-2600 ext.127.

Park Avenue Synagogue Friends of JTS Home Study | Thursday, February 5 | 7:30 pm | ✆

"Hope and Fear: Jewish Reflections on the First One-Hundred Days of the New Administration" | Rabbi David Hoffman, JTS

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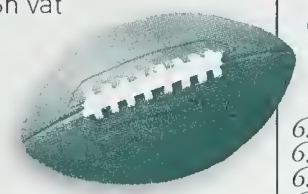
1 7 Sh'vat  *9:00 am* World Wide Wrap *10:30 am* Purim Spiel Rehearsal *5:30 pm* Super Bowl Bash $	**2** 8 Sh'vat *6:30 pm* Siddur Hebrew I *6:30 pm* Modern Hebrew II *6:30 pm* Siddur Hebrew II *6:30 pm* Hebrew Texts *7:30 pm* Modern Hebrew I *7:30 pm* Modern Hebrew III *7:30 pm* Sacred Theater *7:30 pm* WEG Board	**3** 9 Sh'vat *8:00 am* Essential Essays *11:00 am* Jewish Thought *6:30 pm* Women: Raise Your Hands $ ✆ *7:45 pm* Spirit of Heschel $ ✆	**4** 10 Sh'vat *11:30 am* Doing Jewish *4:00 pm* HS *Chesed* *7:00 pm* Film Series	**5** 11 Sh'vat Toddler Semester Begins *7:30 pm* JTS Home Study *8:00 am* Mishnah Musings *11:00 am* Lunch 'n' Learn	**6** 12 Sh'vat Candle lighting: 5:01 pm *5:00 pm* Tot Kabbalat Shabbat *6:00 pm Hay Vav* CS Shabbat *6:15* Friday Evening Service **Children's Birthday Service**	**7** 13 Sh'vat *Parashat Beshalach* *8:45 am Parashat HaShavua Class* *9:00 am Havurah Service* *9:15 am* Sanctuary Service *10:15 am* Shabbat Service Class *10:15 am* Pre-K Shabbat Service *10:15 am Nitzanim Service* *10:15 am* Jr. Congregation *5:15 pm Mincha*
8 4 Sh'vat *10:30 am* Purim Spiel Rehearsal *10:30 am* Ruach *11:00 am* Kadima	**9** 15 Sh'vat Tu B'Shevat *11:00 am* Sisterhood Book Disc. *5:30 pm Zavin* B'nai Mitzvah *6:30 pm* Siddur Hebrew I *6:30 pm* Modern Hebrew II *6:30 pm* Siddur Hebrew II *6:30 pm* Hebrew Texts *7:00 pm* Tu B'Shevat Seder $ ✆ *7:30 pm* Modern Hebrew I *7:30 pm* Modern Hebrew III *7:30 pm* Sacred Theater	**10** 16 Sh'vat *8:00 am* Essential Essays *11:00 am* Jewish Thought *6:30 pm* Women: Raise Your Hands $ ✆ *7:45 pm* Spirit of Heschel $ ✆	**11** 17 Sh'vat *11:30 am* Doing Jewish	**12** 18 Sh'vat *8:00 am* Mishnah Musings *11:00 am* Lunch 'n' Learn	**13** 19 Sh'vat Candle lighting: 5:09 pm *6:15 pm* Friday Evening Service	**14** 20 Sh'vat *Parashat Yitro* No Hebrew School *8:45 am Parashat HaShavua Class* *9:15 am* Sanctuary Service *5:30 pm Mincha*
15 21 Sh'vat	**16** 22 Sh'vat **Presidents' Day** Offices Closed No Hebrew School No ECC NO JAMS No Adult Hebrew	**17** 23 Sh'vat No Hebrew School No ECC *8:00 am* Essential Essays *11:00 am* Jewish Thought *1:00 pm* Sisterhood Film *6:30 pm* Women: Raise Your Hands $ ✆ *7:45 pm* Can Israel Survive Judaism? $ ✆	**18** 24 Sh'vat No ECC No HS Classes *11:30 am* Doing Jewish	**19** 25 Sh'vat No ECC *8:00 am* Mishnah Musings *11:00 am* Lunch 'n' Learn	**20** 26 Sh'vat Candle lighting: 5:18 pm No ECC *6:15 pm* Friday Night Special: Shabbat Musical Service	**21** 27 Sh'vat *Parashat Mishpatim* *Shabbat Sh'kalim* *8:45 am Parashat HaShavua Class* *9:15 am* Sanctuary Service *9:30 am Havurah Service* *10:15 am* Jr. Congregation *5:30 pm Mincha*
22 28 Sh'vat *10:30 am* Purim Spiel Rehearsal HS Social Action Sunday	**23** 29 Sh'vat *6:30 pm* Siddur Hebrew I *6:30 pm* Modern Hebrew II *6:30 pm* Siddur Hebrew II *6:30 pm* Hebrew Texts *7:30 pm* Modern Hebrew I *7:30 pm* Modern Hebrew III *7:30 pm* Sacred Theater *8:00 pm* Evening Book Discussion Group	**24** 30 Sh'vat *Rosh Chodesh Adar* *8:00 am* Essential Essays *11:00 am* Jewish Thought *1:00 pm* Sisterhood Film *6:30 pm* Women: Raise Your Hands $ ✆ *7:00 pm* Purim Spiel Rehearsal *7:45 pm* Can Israel Survive Judaism? $ ✆	**25** 1 Adar *Rosh Chodesh Adar* *10:30 am* Parenting Workshop *11:30 am* Doing Jewish *7:30 pm* Moonbeams *7:30 pm* YCG Top Chef Competition $ ✆	**26** 2 Adar *8:00 am* Mishnah Musings *11:00 am* Lunch 'n' Learn *7:00 pm* Purim Spiel Rehearsal *7:30 pm* WEG: The Challenge of Iran	**27** 3 Adar Candle lighting: 5:26 pm *6:15 pm* Friday Night Special: Musical Shabbat Service	**28** 4 Adar *Parashat Terumah* *8:45 am Parashat HaShavua Class* *9:15 am* Sanctuary Service *10:15 am* Jr. Congregation *11:15 am* Tot Shabbat *5:45 pm Mincha* *7:30 pm* **P.A.S. Gala** $ ✆

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Sunday, March 8 | 10:00–11:00 am | **Esther Revealed** | **Study Session with Rabbi Graetz**
| 11:00 am–2:00 pm | **Purim Carnival**

Monday, March 9 | 5:30 pm | **Family Megillah Reading and Costume Parade**
| 6:15 pm | **All Dressed Up and Someplace to Go** | Light Festive Meal | $ ✆
| 7:00 pm | **Purim Spiel**
| 7:45 pm | **Ma'ariv and Full Megillah Reading**

Tuesday, March 10 | 6:45 am | **Full Megillah Reading**